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SUMMARY: ECONOMIC COUNSELOR PRESENTED ALL POINTS REFTEL TO MINISTER OF ECONOMY GUIROLA BATRES FRIDAY PM. GUIROLA NOT PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF WASHINGTON DEVELOPMENTS. MINISTER WILL RAISE PROBLEM WITH THE PRESIDENT MARCH 14. HOWEVER, MINISTER WILL BE OUT OF TOWN ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS BEGINNING MARCH 15 THROUGH END OF SELA MEETINGS IN CARACAS WEEK OF MARCH 21. RESPONSE TO FMC BY MARCH 18 MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE SCHED-ULE FOR MINISTER OF ECONOMY TO MEET. END SUMMARY.

1. ALL POINTS REFTEL PRESENTED TO MINISTER WHO HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED. EMILIO PERALTA WAS IN ANTEROOM WHEN ECONOMIC COUNSELOR COMPLETED INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER. MINISTER OBVIOUSLY UNABLE TO REPLY TO SUBSTANCE OF FMC POSITION WITHOUT HAVIN G BEEN DEVRIEFED BY HIS REPRESENTATIVES. NONETHELESS, MINISTER ACUTELY AWARE USG PROBLEM AND UNDERTOOK TO RAISE ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD MARCH 14 IN SCHEDULED INTERVIEW.

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2. MINISTER EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE ONLY CORRECT AND VALID SOLUTION TO PROBLEM IS A NEW GUATEMALAN MARITIME LAW. HE DESPAIRS, HOWEVER, THAT PRESENT CONGRESS CAN BE MOBILIZED TO PRODUCE NEW LEGISLATION. HE STATED THAT RECENT LEGAL REVIEW OF PRESENT GUATEMALAN LAW LEAVES LITTLE ROOM FOR ACCOMMODATION TO FMC VIEW OF PRBLEM.

3. MINSTER PROMISED TO ADVISE EMBASSY AS SOON AS THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. EMILIO PERALTA LIKEWAISE STATED HIS DESIRE TO DICUSS PROBLEM WITH EMBASSY MARCH 14. BOSTER

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